

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



July 20, 2022

City Council Votes to Add Public Safety Levy Proposal to November Ballot

At its meeting on July 18, the U.P. City Council voted unanimously to support placing a public safety levy proposal on the November ballot to support increased funding for the U.P. Police Department. The proposal, if passed, would enable the UPPD to hire additional staff to address citizens' concerns regarding public safety in University Place, especially amid the city's growing population.



"When I campaigned for this position, I went door-to-door. I probably spoke to 1,200 to 1,500 of my fellow citizens," said Council Member Ed Wood, who like his fellow Council Members fully supports putting the measure to the voters. "The number one issue that people talked about was public safety, whether it be traffic and traffic enforcement or property crime."

Council Member Stan Flemming said the levy proposal reflects the desire of citizens and the City Council to make public safety a top priority. "This is really about a request from the community and as such, the community has the right to decide," he said.

The Council's vote follows several community listening sessions, during which time more than 100 citizens attended in person and another 700 visited the public safety levy page on the City's website. Another 900 online viewers visited the Police Department's webpage.

"Our goal was to try to give the public—citizens and business owners alike—the opportunity to learn, ask questions and view the data for themselves," said U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo. "We appreciate the level of engagement the public has shown and their willingness to engage in an honest, civil dialogue about an issue that affects us all."

The proposal which will appear on the ballot is one presented by Chief Premo that proposes to include funding for two additional positions in the

investigations unit, add two dedicated traffic enforcement officers, and add two additional patrol officers to each shift. Two new community outreach positions will assist with community education and crime prevention efforts.

View the specific **public safety levy proposal** [here](#) and **watch all three forums** to learn about the proposal.

Invitations for Statements of Interest Levy Lid Lift for Support of Law Enforcement

The City Council of the City of University Place adopted **Resolution No. 980** to place before the voters a proposition asking voters to increase the City's regular property tax levy in support of law enforcement within the City of University Place.



The City is seeking to appoint up to three individuals to write the "For" and "Against" statements for the Voters' Pamphlet. If you are interested in participating, please submit statements of interest to the **City Clerk** by July 26, 2022, before 12:00 p.m.

The Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council will meet on July 26, 2022, 12:00 p.m. at City Hall to appoint committees to prepare arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the proposition for inclusion in the Voters' Pamphlet. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

For further information about committee member duties, please contact the **City Clerk** at 253.460.5427.

The Raptor Brigade Change of Command

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. - After over two years in command of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Col. D. Shane Finison handed the colors to Col. Derek Smith during a change of command ceremony at Watkins Field on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., on Jul. 15, 2022.



"Raptors take action, they do not sit idly by. I need you to continue to find something that needs to happen within your core mission; find it, kill it, and eat it. Raptor six signing off." Finison said during his speech at the ceremony.

Col. Finison will continue his service at U.S. Army Forces Command headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C. He served as the 16th CAB commander since 2020 and led the formation through the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as numerous major exercises in the U.S. and overseas.

Smith was recently assigned to an Asia Pacific Studies fellowship at the University of Washington prior to becoming the 16th CAB commander. He was commissioned as an aviation branch officer in 2001 upon graduating from Pennsylvania State University.

This is not Col. Smith's first stint in the Raptor Brigade: He previously served as the 4-6 Air Cavalry Squadron commander, leading them during a 2019 rotational deployment to the Republic of Korea.

"It's great to be home in the 16th CAB," Smith said. "I look forward to working beside each one of our world-class Soldiers out on the field today."

The 16th Combat Aviation Brigade provides world class aviation support to the ground force commander in the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility and beyond.

By Capt. Kyle Abraham, July 15, 2022

Music on the Square 2022 Premieres Tonight

One of U.P.'s most popular annual events returns tonight when Mambo Cadillac kicks off the 2022 Music on the Square concert series in Market Square.

Offering up an energetic mix of Salsa/Afro Cuban/Latin Jazz music, Mambo Cadillac features Grammy-winning vocalist Carlos Cascante from Costa Rica, Mexican pianist Julio Jauregui and percussionist Tor Dietrichson.



The music begins at 6 p.m. but arrive early to grab dinner from the Ruca Mexican food truck or get dinner to go from one of U.P.'s great eateries.

Music on the Square will occur every Wednesday through Aug. 31. See the complete line-up of bands and food trucks [here](#).

Thanks to U.P. Refuse and Recycling for its sponsorship of the 2022 Music on the Square series—and for 80 years of service to University Place residents.

Be Enchanted by "Encanto" at Movie Night in the Park

Enjoy the return of a beloved family tradition in U.P. on Saturday, Aug. 6 when Movie in the Park returns to Cirque Park. The fun will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Disney movie "Encanto" will be the evening's feature film and is sure to inspire lots of sing-alongs from loyal fans as they re-live the story of Mirabel Madrigal and her family in the charmed place called Encanto.

Prior to the movie, which will begin at dusk, there will be magicians and movie characters from MAGIC in the PNW, a bounce house, children's activities and free dance lessons courtesy of the Arthur Murray School of Dance.



Grab a picnic blanket and/or low-profile chairs and make an evening of it with dinner from the Ruca food truck, which provides

authentic Mexican/Island infusion fare, and dessert from Bliss Small Batch Creamery.

Settle in early and make it an evening of memorable family fun in U.P.

Twisted Cider 5K is July 30

Don't forget that the inaugural Twisted Cider 5K run and walk will take place on Saturday, July 30 beginning at 8 a.m. when the 5k kicks off at the Curran Apple Orchard. The children's (12 and under) 1K will begin at 9:15 a.m. and will be an out-and-back along Sound View Drive for walkers, stroller pushers, and anyone else who wants to participate in this part of the event with their kids.

Following the race, runners/walkers and their cheering fans are invited to the Curran Apple Orchard to enjoy apple cider and treats from the Manic Meatballs food truck. The band Moonyard, featuring Stan the Guitar Man, will provide live music and there will be select vendors on hand as well.

At this time of year, the trees will be full of a variety of ripe apples, but visitors should not pick them yet. They will be ready to go when the annual Cider Squeeze occurs this fall.

Please be sure to give the runners and walkers plenty of leeway as they wind their way around the area of Grandview Drive from the Orchard over to Sound View Drive. Plan your travels accordingly by viewing the [race map here](#).



What's UP with Biz

The public is invited to join the business community and U.P. City Council members as they celebrate several upcoming business open houses and ribbon cuttings. These events are a great way to learn more about what these local businesses offer so you can share the information with family and friends.

- July 21: Seamless Beauty UP Ribbon Cutting, 2603 Bridgeport Way W. Suite K, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Aug. 11: Bridgeview 125 Open House, 3610 Bridgeport Way W., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Aug 16: Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy Ribbon Cutting, 3555 Market Place W. Suite 3, 1:30-2:30 p.m.



UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2022

AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON
YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chambers Creek Road Bid Award
- Homestead Park Bid Award
- Form-Based Code Amendments
- Countywide Planning Policies ILA
- Inclusive Playground
- 27th Street Landing MFTE

Agenda items are subject to change, please visit the City website for more information.

Lend a Hand at the U.S. Women's Amateur

University Place residents who want to participate in another championship event at Chambers Bay may wish to volunteer at the 122nd U.S. Women's Amateur from Aug. 8-14.

Over the course of the seven-day event, there are many ways interested volunteers can help. Organizers have indicated they could use up to 350 adults (18 and older) for the qualifying rounds on Aug. 8 and 9. There are also opportunities for volunteers ages 13-17, including on Aug. 10 and 11 during match play when organizers are looking for upwards of 80 junior volunteers to help out. Visit ChambersBayGolf.com to learn more about specific needs and to sign up.

The event's semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13 and the final 36-hole match will take place on Sun. Aug. 14.

This is not a ticketed event, but organizers expect it may attract up to 1,000 visitors to the area so please plan accordingly when traveling near Grandview Drive West and the Chambers Bay Golf Course entrance.



National Night Out is Aug. 2

If your neighborhood has not yet registered its National Night Out event on Aug. 2 with the City, please do so by Thursday, July 28 to ensure that it is included on the list of stops made by the Public Safety Caravan. Members of the U.P. Police Department, West Pierce Fire & Rescue, City Council members and City staff will spread out throughout the city to join

neighborhood celebrations on this night dedicated to celebrating neighborly connections and police-community partnerships.

As of July 15, there were already 31 neighborhoods signed up to be included on the caravan schedule. It takes staff time to map out the route and allot resources, so don't wait to get on the list.



Register your event by simply emailing UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com with details about the start time and location.

PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION VACANCIES

[View open positions on the city website](#)

Park Commissioners are citizens that, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City.

Citizens serving on the Park Advisory Commission apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of the community for future growth of the City's park system.

They function as a focus group from within the community and create ideas to assist the City Council in shaping park legislative policy and future construction goals.



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Annual Preventative Road Maintenance Begins July 25



The City's Public Works staff will begin annual street chipsealing the week of July 25 in the areas indicated on this **map**. Sealcoating will be applied the following week. Please note that both of these processes require dry weather, so schedule adjustments may be necessary in case of rain.

Chipsealing is a process of preserving the structural integrity of existing roadways. A layer of asphalt oil and rock is placed over the existing road to seal the surface and provide a new wear surface. This prevents water from entering the base and causing deterioration, which prevents more extensive repairs/rebuilds. Chipsealing can extend a roadway's service life by seven to 10 years.

A week after the chipseal is complete, staff will return to place a sealcoat oil mixture on the surface to fill voids and make the roadway slightly smoother by tamping down loose rocks created by the chipseal.

Residents in the map area are reminded to plan accordingly for this work.

Want a Free Ride to Movie Night in the Park or Music on the Square?

The City of U.P. has free ORCA regional transit cards to help those with limited incomes or transportation challenges or who'd just like to try out transit to get to and from special events in University Place.

Simply complete the online form in advance. Have it on hand to attend summer events as well as other seasonal celebrations in U.P. including Oktoberfest and the Christmas Tree Lighting.

It only takes a minute to apply so get yours today!

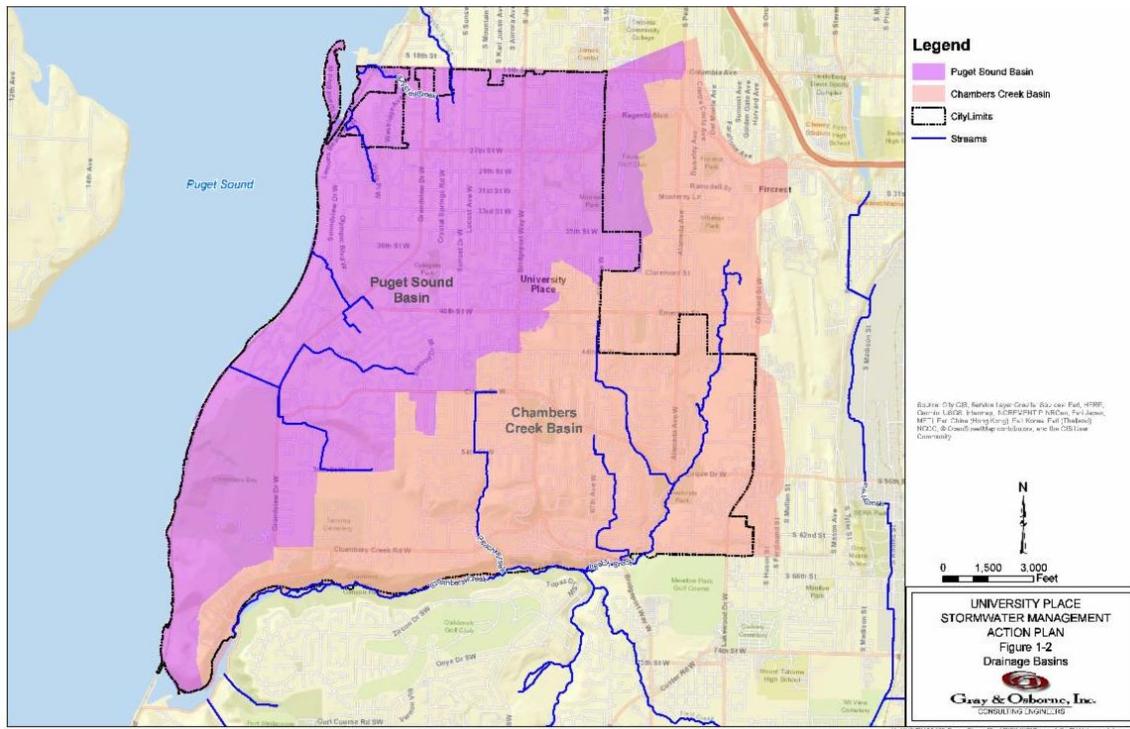


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CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
EVENTS**

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ORCA card [HERE](#)



What is a SMAP?



The City of University Place Engineering Department is presently in the process of creating a Stormwater Management Action Plan referred to as a SMAP. As a Phase II NPDES permittee, the City of University Place is required to prepare a Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP). The SMAP is intended to address the water quality of runoff within the jurisdiction so that a plan can then be created to protect runoff in a certain concentrated area within a prioritized watershed. The plan provides a watershed assessment, prioritization of a primary area to focus future restoration efforts on, as well as a description of these efforts. In addition, this Plan provides a schedule and estimated costs necessary to address the water quality needs either through retrofits of facilities or restoration work within the basin.

We are looking to provide public awareness of this process and are available for participation in the form of questions or comments regarding the two delineated watersheds within our city:

1. Chambers Creek Basin
2. Puget Sound Basin

In the map above you will see how the stormwater runoff in the Northwest half of our city drains to the Puget Sound Basin and the Southeast flows to the Chambers Creek Basin.

To learn more about this process, or for questions and comments please feel free to contact our NPDES Coordinator, Todd Smith, at TSmith@cityofup.com or 253.460.5432.



The best way to survey and engage citizens

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Accessible via your smart device or computer, FlashVote surveys come out intermittently, no more than once a month, and are only 3-5 questions.

They take just a few minutes of your time and provide the City with a clear message of how our U.P. community feels about the given topic.

Visit the [FlashVote site](#) to sign up!



COVID-19 Resources

Looking for specific information related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Here's a list of official sources of information on which you can rely:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control

– Pandemic facts and information

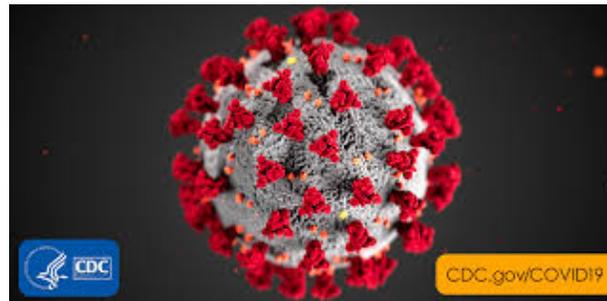
Governor's Office – Details about efforts and legislation specific to Washington

Washington State Department of Health – Updated statistics and testing data

Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health – Testing sites, vaccine info

Pierce County – Resources for rent, utilities, mortgages, and much more

City of University Place – Pandemic resource updates specific to U.P.



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